

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

"Here are some figures about the recent elections which may interest you," said the

been declared and generally accepted. That's enough. Let the dead past bury its dead. I from the American churches, and 200 from am in no humor for arithmetical equations." "Well, then," persisted the Bore, "If you apportioned as follows: won't po over the details, just let me give you Methodist Episcopal Church a low of the results. "Twon't take a minute." | Methodist Episcopal Church South

"Well, go on, if you must; but remember | African Methodist Episcopal South that life is very, very short," said I resignedly, "First, I want to call your attention to the | Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, totals of these two columns showing the Republican votes in the Eastern, Northern and Western States in 1888 and 1890. You will see that the total vote for 1890 was 17 per cent, less than two years ago,"

about one Republican voter in every six voted the Demogratic ticket," 'It certainly would," replied the Statistical Bore, "If the Democratic vote was increased that amount. But if you will look at the cor-

"Then about one Republican in every six, and one Democratic vote in every 12 must have

becoming interested "You are on the right track," he replied, "but you jump too quickly at conclusions. If you will look at this other set of tables, you will see I arrive at the conclusion that about 6 per cent, of the Republican loss went to the Farmers' Alliance, leaving about 11 per cent. to be accounted for as stay-at homes, while about 6 per cent, of the Democrats stayed at home, and the remaining 2 per cent, voted the Alliance ticket. I hope that the showing is satisfactory to you."
"It's got to be, I assented. "I can't change

The Courts have decided that a more majority of the Commissioners will not do, but that the concurrence of all three is necessary to the legality of an act. This will both help and hinder my semewhat opinionated friend, Lieut.-Col. kolert, the Engineer Commissioner, He is very fond of having his own way, as most Army Engineers are, and he is liable to take one my to what that way should be. In future he will have to have both his colleagues agree with him-which has not often been the case of late-in order to get one of his pet ideas through; and on the other hand, his assent will be necessary to any schemes that the other two may have, which will not be pleasant for them, since he is likely to offer objections which they would like to from the office by sickness ever since the inducsimply impossible for him to get along with the colleague of the Regular Army. Ross, while a matter. very picasant, genial man, has a will of his own, and if he thinks he is right he will be quite as unyielding in his maintenance of it as his predecessor, Col. Hine, was. The first eucounter of the two is awaited with lively in-

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has been a London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Bremen, Trieste hand on June 30 at shore stations aggregated most efficient officer since he has had charge of and Hamburg, and found that at present there in value \$16,819,887. He recommends an inthe printing of greentacks and silver corti- is no systematic medical examination of emi- crease in the pay corps. An increase in the ficates for the country, and has the confidence of the Secretary of the Treasury as well as the the steamship lines require their surgeons to of 20 is also recommended and urged, with the whole Administration. Remors that he in- make a preliminary examination, which does suggestion that they be appointed from the tended to resign have been set affort in Washemphatically stated that he had no such in- Service when they arrive in New York. So are not enough Engineers in the Navy, and tention. He also said that these rumors were far as Dr. Hamilton's observation goes, he that sufficient instruction is not given those started by walking delegates of the Labor thinks there is no country in the world in who are appointed. The new vessels require Union to whom he had denied the privilege of running the Bureau of which he was the head, and which he proposed to run upon his own methods. He thinks these rumors were started to injure him, but also thinks they will fall far short of what their originators intended them to accomplish. The Captain has declined te be drawn into any controversy with the Labor Union, but he emphatically says that he is going to ron his "shop" as he thinks best, despute the efforts of walking delegates from Labor Unions or other kindred organizations. The Captain has been one of the best Chiefs the Bureau of Engraving and Printing ever had, to the interests of naturalized citizens now in and he will be backed by the entire Administration in his fight, which will prove a winning one without doubt. He sione is responsible for turbances, and also the murderous Mana Sothe workings of the Bureau, and he does not propose to allow outsiders to "run the ma-

A small circle of Washingtonians were favored last week with presentation to a man who as distinguished as having made the finest muten, an a pecuniary sense, in the world. He was William Leisman Asinnead Burdett-Coutts, and was born in New Jersey in 1851. His father was a merchant, and he went to Oxford, England, where he graduated and afterward studied law. In time he became Secretary to the Baroness Burdett-Courts, the heiress of the million, accumulated by her banking pregent tors, and the wealthiest maiden lady in Europe. She became much attached to him, and though he was 37 years younger than she, finally decided to marry him, though her friends-surong them Oncen Victoria were bitterly opposed to the nurtch. She had also to give up a large portion of her wealth. By royal command, he assumed her name. He has made her a good husband, and as both he and his wife seem well solted with their union, nothing more is to be said. He is a fine, manly-looking man, about 40, an lock over six feet, a competent lashness man, a Member of Parliament, and an cothumiastic sportsman.

carnest support to Secator Spooner's candidacy | which were presented under the auspices of for the Supreme Bonch which head pride would Farragut Post, No. 10, G.A.R. The battleseem to require. It mys: "When he went to seenes as they were thrown upon the canvas represent Wisconsin in the Upper House of the on the stage were graphically described by that newspaper correspondents remarked a of Pennsylvania, G.A.R. The Old Guard of the striking resemblance between him and Dr. District of Columbia were out in force in full Mary Waller. But soon after he became a uniform. The proceeds of the entertainment Senator be grewn mustache. Who can believe | went into the charity fund of Farragut Post, that he would accept a place which would call | which was considerably enlarged, as the hall for the shaving off of his mustache and restore | was crowded. his resomblance to Dr. Walker?"

Third Assistant Postmaster-General Hagen The Commissioners of the District of Columand his charming wife celebrated their allver bia estimate that it will take \$5,267,070,16 to wedding in Washington on Thursday, Nov. 20, | run the District for the coming year, of which A number of prominent people were present, \$2,633,535.08 will be raised by taxation, and an among whom was Postmaster-General Wana- equal amount contributed by the United States maker. A delicious colintion was served the The principal items of expenditure are: guests in the dining-room, and the smoking-room was set saide for the gentlemen, where Police Department 529.423 Wines and eigars were envoyed by those de- Hewith Office

wiring them. THE SPEAKERSHIP,

Senntor Gorman, representing the managers | Insane | Maintanance of Convicts | of the Democratic party, is having something to say on the Speakership. He announces that since the Democratic party must enter the campaign of 1892 upon the record made by the Roger Q. Mills,

News and Courier are strongly of the opinion | race in this country, he is intensely religious, that the next Speaker should be from the and says he prefers to be a boot-black to any North or West.

the Speakership, on the platform of "Free and always prays. When asked if he ever had Trade, Free Labor, Free Speech, a Free Press, been whipped while in slavery, he replied: and a Tax on Incomes."

will be elected. choice is Crisp, and his second, Bynum.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

The General Committee to make arrange-Statistical Bore to me the other evening, as I | ments for holding the grand Ecumenical Counwandered near his lair in the Riggs House. cil of the Methodiest Church of the world has "No, thanks," said I; "I don't believe in playing post-mortem hands. The result has

those abroad. The American delegates will be

Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. Mothedist Protestant Church.. Free Stationdist Episcopul Church Independent Methodist Episcopal Church..... gational Methodist Episcopal Church... is Episcopal Cleurch of Canada....... 24 "That would mean, you think," said I, that | Primitive Methodist Courch in United States

Prof. J. M. Van Vlick, Dr. Wm. P. Harrison, responding columns of the Democratic votes, and F. Kurtz were constituted a committee to Morrill, of Vermont-have already been rewon will see that the total Democratic voir for apportion the American delegates. Each holy elected. Four Republican Senators will be 1890 in those States was 8 per sent less than it | will provide for the expenses of its own dele- | elected from Wyoming and Idaho, and Coleentertain those from abroad.

London in 1881, and was in session four weeks. Republicans, as Kentucky, Florida, Louisiana, gone over to the Farmers' Alliauce," said I



Secretary Noble has won the distruction of ignore. Col. Robert has been detained away being the champion letter writer of the Cabi- and batteries among the heavy artillery troops net, not for voluminousness, but for trenchant of the Army, Gen. Schofield has issued an tion of Commissioner Ross, successor to Com- effectiveness. His overthrow of Gov. Hill and missioner Hine, who resigned because it was | Mayor Grant in the epistolary tilt with those diguitaries was signal and complete. The Secself-willed Engineer. So it is not known yet rotary writes strongly, and his scatences cut prescribes in detail the methods which are to how the new official will get along with his like a Damascus blade to the very heart of the prevail in each case. In the general competi-

CITIZENSHIP TOO CHEAP. Surgeon-General Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital Service, in his report to the Secretary of the Treasure gives the results of the visits he has made to the principle foreign ports of embarkation of immigrants bound for the The cost of ships in commission, exclusive Capt. William M. Meredith, Chief of the United States. He visited the ports of Naples, of medicine, was \$5,943,752. The supplies on grants at any port of embarkation. Some of | number of Assistant Paymasters to the number not compare with the examination which is graduates of the Naval Academy, or political standpoint, and viewed from an is little doubt that the welfare of the country | directly upon the skill of her Engineer offidemands more restrictive measures than the cers. present laws seem able to furnish. The advocacy of restrictions upon immigration does not necessarily, in the Doctor's opinion, imply hostility to foreigners nor adverse legislation Chicago, where Anarchists have created dis- ent position for meritorious services. ciety in New Orleans, and thinks immigrants | made at the Naval proving grounds at An-

COURT.

The death of Justice Miller has led to a rearrangement of the Supreme Court Judges. Justice Field, who used to sit on the left of the Chief Justice, will now sit on the right, and Justice Bradley will occupy the sent vacated by Justice Field, while Justice Harlan will take the seat which Justice Bradley vacates. Justice Gray goes from the right to the left, and will occupy Justice Harlan's old seat, while Justice Blatchford takes the seat on the right vacated by Justice Gray. Justice Lamar goes from right to left, and gets one seat nearer the Chief Justice than he formerly occupied, while the latest appointee, Justice Brewer, takes the seat formerly occupied by Justice Lamar, moving from the extreme left to the extreme right. The seat on the extreme left will be filled by the new man that President Harrison, it is said, will soon appoint.

REALISTIC CETTYSBURG. The hall of the National Rifles' Armory in Washington was filled with people on Thurs-The Milwaukee Wisconsin is not giving that light views of the battlefield of Gettysburg, ational Legislature his face was so smooth | Capt. James T. Long, of Post 51, Department

DISTRICT EXPENSES.

Industrial School., District Militia Street eleming

AN OLD-TIMER. mext House, and this record will be in the | Anderson Cross, who was born in Virginia hands of the Speaker, and consequently "a about the commencement of the present cenhot beaded, irritable, even a Free Trade tury, but who does not know his age, plies the Speaker, would ruin all Democratic chances," vocation of boot-black on New York avenue, This is supposed to refer most particularly to near the Treasury Department. The old man looks ancient, and has a good many anecdotes The New Orleans Times and the Charleston to relate of slavery days. Like most of his other occupation, for when he is giving a gen-Roger Q. Mills announces his candidacy for theman a shine he is down on his marrow-bones, "Indeed I have, boss. They used to send us Representative Charles Tracey, of New York, to the town marshal with a note, which stated is going to support Mills, and believes that he how many lashes we were to receive, and he would the our hands up to a post or ring, (make Representative Jas. S. Cothran's (S. C.) first us take off our clothes first,) and then would ply the lash," This, given with true old Vir-

on his bands in North Dakota. His abilities and his great services to his State, both as

go right up to heaven when he dies.

Governor and Senator, are universally concoded, but there are other men who want his seat in the Senate, and want it very badly. The principal of these are Representative Hansbrough and Mayor Ball, of Fargo. Of the two the latter is much the stronger, having the backing of the powerful faction led by Alexander McKenzie. Hansbrough is developing considerable strength, and the question arises as to what the McKenzie faction will do in the event of his getting where he has a chance of election. The Democrats and Independents have 34 votes in the Legislature, and it is among the possibilities that, in the event of a deadlock between the Republican factions, they may put a man of their own in.

ginia accent, makes it sound much better than when written in plain English. Cross left his master early in the war and came into our lines, and became a cook at Gen. Burnside's headquarters. He tells some very amusing anecdotes of his army experience. He is a character, is hones and faithful, and thinks he will

THE SENATE. Col. Gilbert A. Pierce is having a lively fight

Some editors have been writing wildly about the Senate becoming a tie in the event of one or more doubtful Legislatures electing a Democrat. This only shows how little they know of the matter. The present Senate consists of 82 members, of whom 47 are Republicans and 35 Democrats. Of these the terms of

28 will expire March 3, 1891, 27 will expire Murch 3, 1893,

27 will expire March 3, 1895. Of the 28 in the first class, whose terms will expire next March, 16 are Republicans and 12 Democrats. This leaves 31 Republicans and 23 Democrats holding over niter next March, W. S. Griffin, J. W. Gassaway, C. H. Phillips | Two of the Republicans-Allison, of Iowa, and gates, and a fund of \$12,000 will be raised to | rade, California, Connecticut, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregou, Pennsylvania, South Dakota The last Ecumenical Council was held in and Washington will almost certainly return New York, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Missouri, Indiana and Maryland will return Democrats, Ohio and Georgia have already elected Democrats. This will make the Senate stand : Republicans holding over ..

Democrats holding over.

Doubtful (New Hampshire, Illinois and Kansas) 3 doubtful States, they will still lack six of tieing vision. To the humble copyist he is

and 7 of a majority.
Of the 27 Senators whose terms expire in 1895, 16 are Republicans and 11 Democrats, so that the Democrats, in order to gain the Senate two years from next March, will have to gain, in addition to the three doubtful States mentioned above, three of the following States, whose Republican Senators' terms will then mire: Rhode Island, Wash Dakota, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, New York, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Montana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Nevada, and Michigan.

ARMY AND NAVY.

In order to encourage excellence in gunnery and the preliminary instruction of individuals order, which has been approved by the Secretary of War, providing for competitions between batteries and regiments. The order tion the battery to which the winning detachment belongs will be allowed to carry an artiflery prize guidon and receive a suitable

The report of Paymaster-General Stewart to Secretary of the Navy Tracy, shows that it cost to maintain the Navy last year \$22,500,000.

ington recently, regarding which the Captain | made by the surgeons of the Marine Hospital | Chief Engineer Melville complains that there which citizenship is so cheaply obtained as in | the ablest kind of Engineers, and enough of this country, and he also thinks that restrictive them. Unless everything is right in the enmeasures against the incoming mass of emi- | gine-room all the courage and skill displayed grants is one of the most important that can on deck may be rendered of no avail. "Celerbe considered, viewed from either an economic lity of movement has decided many a naval battle, and will decide many more, and the ce-American standpoint, the Doctor thinks there | levily of movement of a modera ship depends

Maj. Gerald Russell, 5th U. S. Cav., has been found incapacitated for active service by an Army Retiring Board, and will be placed on ! the Retired List, Maj. Russell entered the service as a private in July, 1551, and has been the country. The Doctor then cites cases in | promoted through successive grades to his pres-

On Friday, Nov. 21, an experiment was of this character should not be allowed to come | napells to ascertain what effect cold would have upon armor plate. A Holtzer six-inch projectile was fired at a nickel armor plate REARRANCEMENT OF THE SUPREME which had been frozen to a point of four degrees below zero. The projectile penetrated the plate about the same distance that the shots fired several weeks ago did, when the first trial was made, and apparently had no more effect upon the plate than when it was at a normal temperature. It is, therefore, held that Winter weather will not render the armor of our ships easier to penetrate, as is usually

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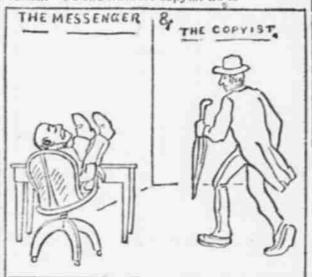
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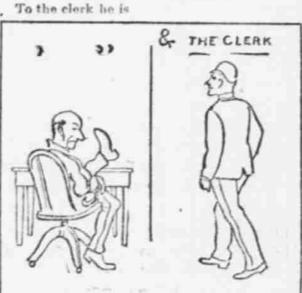
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STUDIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

The Varying Manners of the Messenger. The messenger in the Departments is generally careful to grade his manners to the official So, if the Democrats get all three of the rank of those who appear upon his scene of



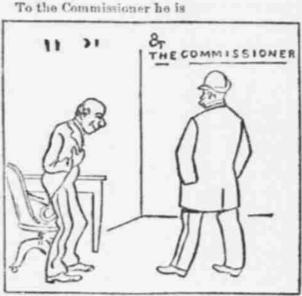
DISDAINFULLY SUPERIOR.



MILDLY GENIAL. To the Bureau Chief be is



POSITIVELY FRIENDLY. To the Commissioner he is



DEEPLY POLITE.



VERY DEFERENTIAL. To the Secretary he is



DISTINCTLY OBSEQUIOUS.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION. sociation of Baptist Churches began in Wash- appeared. When arraigned before Judge Woods ington, Nov. 20, and continued two days. he pleaded guilty. Sentence was withheld. There was a large attendance of delegates and The penalty for his offence is a fine of \$2,000. visitors, and the proceedings of the convention | or not more than five years' imprisonment in were of the greatest interest and importance. the penitentiary, or both.

The subject of distributing Bibles and tracts | ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MAN was freely discussed, and the opinion prevailed that the work which was now going on was decidedly advantageous to the cause of religiou and good morals generally. The session closed on Friday, Nov. 21.

year for one hour's service, and \$314 for two | the battles of the Army of the Potomac up to | Castle Thunder, the hospitals, the "Monitor" heurs' service. The appropriation of \$10,000 made at the last session of Congress for beginning the experiment has not yet been touched, and the whole of it can be applied in the six months from Jan. 1 to June 30 next. The Pestmaster-General will ask and will probably receive an additional appropriation of a like amount for continuing the experiment through the next fiscal year. The plan will be tried in small places for the present, because it is expected that the large places will be provided for by the bill now pending to extend the regular carrier system to towns of 5,000 inhabit-

A WATER-HAUL. When President Cleveland took the reins of the Government, a committee was appointed in the Treasury Department to overhaul the books and documents of that Department, to find the great frauds which had been committed by the Republicans from the time Lincoln was inaugurated until Mr. Cleveland was elected. This committee is still in existence, and is working right along in the herculean task of cleaning the Department. During the canvass | the date of his wound; and subsequently, as it was claimed that thousands of dollars had | Captain in the Veteran Reserve Corps, served been used to premote the success of the Remade no report, but it has leaked out that so of books and documents have been searched to find the supposed defalcation. How much longer the labors of the committee will continue, and what may be the outcome of the investigation, cannot, of course, be forefold. But judging from what has been done, the accusations of fraud are likely to fall to the ground,

SUNDAY SHAVING.

The hotel-keepers of the city resolved to contest the adverse decision of the Commissioners on their right to open their shops on Sunday morning for the accommodation of their latearriving guests, and last Sunday morning the shops of all the leading hotels were running, The police looked in upon them, but made no arrests, and no warrants have been issued up to date. The Commissioners say that the hotelkeepers have been premature in forcing the issue, if one is to be forced, for the Commissionera have not instituted any prosecutions. So far as the law is concerned, the Commissioners have no option. It says explicitly that any man who opens a barber-shop on Sunday shall be subject to a fine of \$20, and the Commissioners have no authority to suspend the law for the hotel-keepers or any one else. It seems, however, that if any suits are to be begun they will be at the instance of the proprietors of the street-shops, whose theory is that shavers can just as well be accommodated on six days of the week, and will be if the law is enforced. To allow the shops to open on Sunday they say is simply compelling the barbers to work a halfday more for the same amount of custom and

money. A SCARE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. While workmen were engaged in cleaning the carpet in the East Room of the White House on Thursday, Nov. 20, they found behind a heavy curtain an object that caused their hair to stand on end. The object looked like a dynamite bomb, and was handled very gingerly by one of the colored porters. The object looked like a piece of gas pipe, with a tiny fuse attached. It was decided to take the alleged bomb to Police Headquarters, and a colored man was ordered to pick it up and acobject did not explode, the negro took hold of personal attention and consideration. The the supposed fuse and drew it tenderly out of American firm got the contract, because it was the pipe, when several yards of string were thought their arms were the cheapest and best. drawn out. It was found that the tube was a soft, leaden one, and contained a preparation for the hands and face. The outside was made of blackened tinfoil, which made it look like a piece of gas-pipe.

Buried with Military Honors, The remains of Gen. John C. Starkweather reached Milwankee, Wis., on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and the funeral took place in the afternoon, The remains were placed in the armory of the Light-Horse Squadron, and were viewed by thousands of people. The 4th Battalion of the cellent piece of work by a board of experts. Wisconsin National Guard were out in full force, and the obsequies were of a strictly military character. A horse resembling the one the General took to the war with him from Mffwankee was led behind the hearse, and, in conformity with military tradition, a pair of hightopped army boots were fixed in the stirrups with the feet reversed. A squad of the 4th

Swindled a Soldier's Orphan. United States Marshal Long, of Denver, Colo., brought to Indianapolis, Ind., M. D. Fletcher, who formerly resided at Shonls, Ind. In 1879 Fletcher was appointed guardian of Sarah E, and William Anderson, minor heirs of William P. Anderson, an old soldier who had just died at his home in Shoals. Fletcher collected some \$300 pension money due the deceased soldier and applied it to his own use. One of the children died, but the other upon coming of age preferred charges against Fletcher and the latter was indicted last April in the The annual convention of the Columbia As- | Federal Court at Indianapolis, but he had dis-

Sketch of the Present Superintendent of the Foreign Mail Service.

Capt. N. M. Brooks entered the army as a private in Co. B. 3d N. J., in May, 1861, being then 18 years old. He received his first wound, FREE DELIVERY FOR SMALL TOWNS. a severe one, at Spottsylvania Courthouse, Va., The experiment of free delivery by carriers on the 12th of May, 1864, which resulted in in small villages will be inaugurated by the amputation of the right leg and honorable dis-Postmaster-General as soon as he can examine | charge in October of the same year; he having the careful plans which Col. Bates, the Super- meanwhile been promoted to a Second Lieuintendent of Free Delivery, has prepared. Col. | tenantcy, First Lieutenantcy and Captaincy in Bates estimates that the service can be performed | the 12th N. J., and being in command of his in towns of 400 and 500 inhabitants in from | company and just 21 years old when wounded. ne to two hours daily, at a cost of \$107 per | Capt. Brooks participated in nearly all of

during the Reconstruction period in Virginia

publican party, out of funds which belonged to until December, 1868, when he was finally honthe Government. The committee has as yet orably discharged from the military service. During the years 1869 and 1870 he was Assistfar they have made a water-hanl. Some of the ant Assessor of Internal Revenue in Virginia; most expert accountants of the Treasury have | and in July, 1872, entered the Postal Service | been engaged in the work, and a vast amount | as a result of a competitive examination under the "Grant Civil Service Rules," receiving an appointment as a clerk in the Postoflice Department at an annual salary of \$1,200. He was promoted under the same rules, until in January, 1884, he was made Chief Clerk of the Office of Foreign Mails, and has continued in that capacity until his recent appointment as Superintendent of Forign Mails. Since May 1, 1889, Capt. Brooks has been Acting Superintendent, having the labor and responsibility, but with-

His case is unique in some respects. While to asked for promotion as soon as the office of Superintendent became vacant, he refused to receive political indorsements or to allow committees or delegations to press his claims, and his application on file bears no indorsements, other than those of his comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic, at whose hands he has been highly honored, having been twice unanimously elected Commander of his Post (Lincoln, No. 3,) and once Commander of the De-

been promoted under these rules until he was next in line for elevation to the vacant Super-

He had a long wait, but his merits seem to have been recognized at last, as he has been authoritatively informed that he owes his appointment solely to his official record. He is one of the very few (if indeed there are any others) who admittedly owe their promotion to the statute giving preference to honorably discharged wounded Union soldiers, and an honest recognition by the appointing power of the binding force of the Civil Service reform pledges made by both parties-without the solicitation of a single person of "influence."

Weapons for the Chinese.

A contract was entered into recently between the Chinese Government and an American firm of manufacturers for the delivery in Pekin of company Mr. Dinsmore to the Chief of Police. | 100,000 stand of arms of the latest patterns. Ne-The man became so frightened that in his gotiations have been pending for several weeks, nervousness he let the thing drop to the paye. French, English, and American manufacturers ment, and everybody in that vicinity ran from | of firearms being interested in the contest, and it, expecting to be blown to pieces. As the the Chinese Minister gave the proposals his

> A Monument to Gen. Hancock. The Park Board of New York City have received and referred an appropriation for the placing of a monument to Clen. W. S. Hancock in the park called after the distinguished General, at the junction of St. Nicholas and Manhattan avenues and 123d street, New York City. The bust of the General is of heroic size, made of bronze, and is the work of Wilson McDonald, and is now exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and is pronounced to be an ex-

Early Political Birds.

A warm contest for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress from the Third Maine District (Blaine's old district) in 1892 has been precipitated by Gov. Burleigh, one of the candidates, sending out letters ask-Battalion fired the customary volleys over the grave and a bugler blew taps.

Ing for support the fired the present incumbent, Seth L. Milliken, Hou. J. H. Manley, bent, Seth L. Milliken, Hou. J. H. Manley, ing for support and declaring his candidacy. Hon, J. A. M. Haynes, Hon, P. Wiswell, J. S. Walton and L. T. Carlton. The fight bids fair to a very lively one, but 1892 is a long way off.

Official Vote of Missouri.

The official count of the vote for State officers in Missouri has been completed, and is as fellows: For Judge of the Supreme Court-Gantt (Democrat), 250,011; Mullins (Republican), 188,293; Jones (Union-Labor), 26,114. For Superintendent of Public Works-Wolff (Democrat), 250,079; Sever (Republican), 189,-248; Brownlow (Union-Labor), 25,189. For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner-Hickman (Democrat), 251,531; Merrifield (Republican), 187,119; Boyden (Union-Labor), 24,732,

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